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Think of Dworshak for your spring recreation getaway

Orofino, Idaho, -- Enjoy springtime in beautiful northern Idaho at facilities operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers including nearby Dworshak Dam and Reservoir. The spring-summer 2001 recreation season has begun, according to a Corps natural resources staff member.

"The boat launching ramps are open for use at Big Eddy, Bruce's Eddy and Dent Acres for water-related recreation opportunities," said Heather Burke, a Dworshak park ranger. "Early season camping by self-deposit registration begins April 13 at Dent Campground, just in time for turkey and spring bear seasons. Fees are \$10 per site. Hot showers and bathrooms will be available. The Dent Acres lower restroom is also open."

Some firearms and off-road vehicle restrictions are in place throughout the Corps' properties that apply to visitors at all times for the safety of everyone wishing to experience the majestic beauty of Dworshak.

"We want hunters to remember that loaded firearms of all kinds and shooting any weapon within one-quarter mile of any campground are prohibited. Motorized vehicles may not be operated off paved roads or taken beyond any recognizable fence, gate, or barrier," said Paul Pence, Dworshak Park Manager.

For those who can't start their outdoor recreation until later in the spring, regular season camping at Dent Acres starts May 10 with full hook-up sites for \$16 per night. Reservations can be made by calling (877) 444-6777, or by visiting the web site at www.ReserveUSA.com. Primitive camping is also available at Canyon Creek and the RV parking area along the road to Big Eddy.

Whatever your recreation preference, remember to use all safety equipment and procedures to make your memories enjoyable. When boating on the reservoir, remember that lake levels can change in as little as a day. While the air temperature may be warm, the water in Dworshak will stay cold well into June due to from the spring snow melt and runoff. Always beware of hypothermia and wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.

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